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FOR FERMENTATIVE PRODUCTION OF R-ALPHA-LIPONIC ACID

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

S I R :

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of  
Claims which begins on Page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 7 of this paper.